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Arthur Nevin Wheatley



Rank: Major

**Died of wounds: 5th July 1916
(France)**



**5th Bn. Duke
of Wellington's (West Riding
Regiment - Territorial)**

Summary

Arthur Nevin Wheatley was raised by his parents Joseph and Elizabeth Wheatley at the family home Woodlands, Mirfield. Arthur worked at the family woollen manufacturing business in Mirfield. He married Mabel Senior in 1913 and they had a daughter.

Arthur died from his wounds on the 5th July 1916 (age 28) whilst serving with the Duke of Wellington's (West Riding Regiment) on the Western Front and is remembered at Etaples Military Cemetery, Pas de Calais, France. The Dewsbury Reporter stated on the 15th July 1916 that Arthur Nevin sustained his injuries from a shell explosion whilst he was in a dug-out with Lieut. Sutcliffe (nephew of Charles E Sutcliffe, Maltster in Mirfield).

The 5th Duke of Wellington's Regiment entered the front line in Thiepval Wood on the 2nd July. The Allies trenches there were 'battered fragments', giving little cover and overlooked by Thiepval Ridge, from where the Germans unleashed frequent barrages of high explosive shells, shrapnel and gas shells. The Battalion suffered a severe blow when Major A.N.Wheatley was carried from the trenches severely wounded. Arthur is remembered at Etaples Military Cemetery, Pas de Calais, France.

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Arthur Nevin Wheatley

Family details

Date of Birth	10th September 1887
Date of Baptism	6th October 1887
Church Baptised	Mirfield
Father	Joseph
Father's occupation	Woollen Manufacturer
Mother	Elizabeth (nee Nevin)
Siblings	Richard Nevin, Ellen, Louisa Margaret
Parents residence	Woodlands, Mirfield
Soldiers residence	Hopton Brow, Upper Hopton
Soldiers Occupation	Woollen Manufacturer
Married	2nd September 1913 (at Cumberworth)
Spouse	Mabel Senior (of Shepley)
Children	Daughter
Burial / Memorial	Etaples Military Cemetery, Pas de Calais, France
Age at death	28

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Photograph (1st July 1924) of Arthur Nevin's father on his 73rd Birthday, he died just a few weeks later.

Joseph Wheatley was born 1st July, 1851 and was the eldest son of Henry Wheatley of Woodlands, Mirfield, who died in 1867.

In 1874 he married Elizabeth Nevin who died in 1892. There were six children of the marriage, two died in infancy and his youngest son Arthur died of wounds in July 1916 in World War 1.

Joseph was the head of an old established family business, he knew and cared for all who worked for him, while the little self-contained colony of cottages in the beautiful scenery of his home, where pheasants fed just outside the mill yard, was like a material and moral oasis in the midst of present-day industrialism.

On the 14th October 1908 Arthur's sister Louisa Margaret married John Bell who was a farmer from Durham.

No.	When Married.	Name and Surname.	Age.	Condition.	Rank or Profession.	Residence at the time of Marriage.	Father's Name and Surname.	Rank or Profession of Father.
193	October 14	John Bell Louisa Margaret Wheatley	35 32	Bachelor Spinster	Farmer -	Embsay Farm Hunworth-on-Tees Chapel Hill Upper Hopton	Thomas Bell (Deceased) Joseph Wheatley	Farmer Manufacturer.

Married in the aforesaid Church according to the Rites and Ceremonies of the Established Church, by Reverend or after Reverend by me, Rev. Herbert Dodd, Vicar.

This Marriage was solemnized between us, John Bell in the presence of us, Joseph Wheatley and Catherine M. Dicker.

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On the 2nd September 1913 Arthur (25) married Mabel Senior (26) and they had one daughter.

1913. Marriage solemnized at <u>Cumteworth</u> in the <u>Diocese of Wakefield</u> in the County of <u>York W.R.</u>								
No.	When Married.	Name and Surname.	Age.	Condition.	Rank or Profession.	Residence at the Time of Marriage.	Father's Name and Surname.	Rank or Profession of Father.
465	2. September 1913	Arthur Nevin Wheatley	25 26	Bachelor	Manufacturer	Mirfield	Joseph E. Wheatley	Manufacturer
		Mabel Senior	25 26	Spinster	—	S. Repley	James Senior	Bookbinder
Married in the <u>Parish Church</u> according to the Rites and Ceremonies of the <u>Church of England</u> after which by me, <u>Adam Currie</u> (Rector)								
This Marriage was solemnized between us,			<u>Arthur Nevin Wheatley</u> <u>Mabel Senior</u>		in the Presence of us, { <u>Joseph Wheatley</u> <u>Jan Stewart</u> <u>James Senior</u>			

Arthur's Schools

Arthur attended Oatlands College, Harrogate (Headmaster James Roscoe MA). His brother Richard was there 10 years earlier.

Following Oatlands Arthur attended Shrewsbury School 1901 to 1905. See school commemoration below:

Major Arthur Nevin Wheatley, 5th Bn. Duke of Wellington's (West Riding Regiment)

Bennett's (now Severn Hill); left in 1905 to join the family firm in Mirfield. He joined the Territorials and was gazetted Captain in the 5th Bn. Duke of Wellington's in 1913. He went to France in April 1915 and was mentioned in despatches.

Died of wounds while 2nd i/c the Bn. in France, 5th July 1916, aged 28.

Buried at Etaples Military Cemetery, France. Grave I. A. 32.

(1850 former pupils and masters of Shrewsbury school saw active service in WW1 with 321 being recorded as killed in action. Many more were imprisoned wounded some several times or died after the war of their injuries)

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Arthur's Obituary (Leeds University website)

Major Arthur Nevin Wheatley, Duke of Wellington's Regiment, whose death from wounds received in action, was the second son of Mr. Joseph Wheatley, of Woodlands, Mirfield, and a member of the firm of Messrs. Henry Wheatley and Sons, woollen manufacturers, Hopton Mills, Mirfield. Before the war Major Wheatley was an enthusiastic Territorial officer, and was promoted to the captaincy of the of the Mirfield company before mobilization took place. Proceeding to France in April last year, he soon became major, and at the time of his death was second in command of his battalion. He was mentioned in the last dispatch of Sir Douglas Haig, published on June 15. Major Wheatley, who was 28 years of age, leaves a widow and one daughter.

Arthur Nevin Wheatley's Will below identifies the hospital in which he died and the fact that he was living at Hopton Brow.

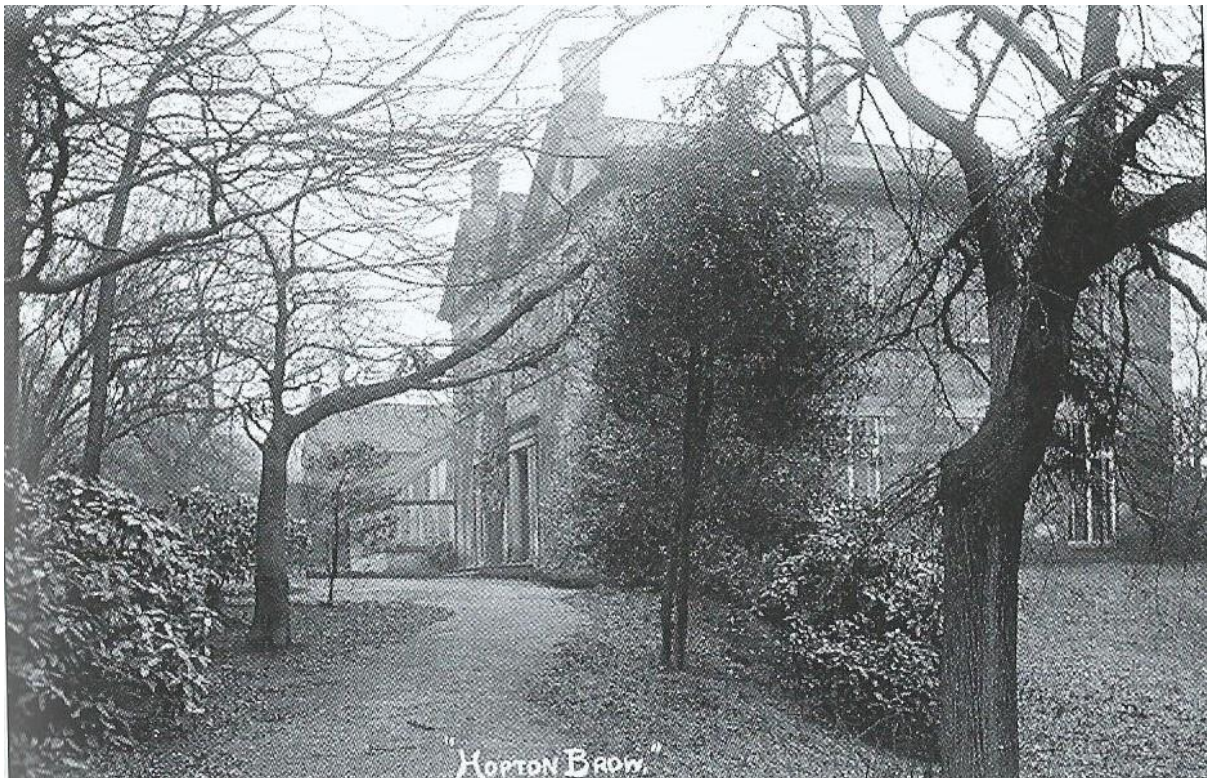
WHEATLEY Arthur Nevin of Hopton Brow Mirfield **Yorkshire** major 5th battalion West Yorkshire regiment died 5 July 1916 at 20 General Hospital Camiers France Probate **London** 9 November to Francis Egerton Wright engineer Edward Senior brewer and Thomas Nevin colliery owner. Effects £9857 7s. 11d.

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Arthur Nevin Wheatley

Hopton Brow the home of Arthur Nevin Wheatley when he died in July 1916



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Arthur Nevin Wheatley

Military Details

Attestation / Enlistment

Deployment 14th April 1915

Rank Major

Medals 1914-1915 Star
British War Medal
Victory Medal

Regiment number

Regiment 5th Bn. Duke of Wellington's (West Riding Regiment - Territorial)

Regimental Badge



Killed in Action 5th July 1916 (Somme)

Cemetery or Memorial Etaples Military Cemetery, Pas de Calais, France

Age at death 28



Arthur Nevin Wheatley

THE LONDON GAZETTE, JUNE 30, 1908.

4727

5th Battalion, The Duke of Wellington's (West Riding Regiment); the undermentioned officers from the 2nd Volunteer Battalion, The Duke of Wellington's (West Riding Regiment), are appointed to the battalion, with rank and precedence as in the Volunteer Force. Dated 1st April, 1908:—

Major John Marsden.

Major Herbert Higginson Sykes.

Captain and Honorary Major Willie Cooper.

Captain and Honorary Major Robert Ramsden Mellor.

Captain Allen Haigh Hopkinson.

Captain Lionel Brook Holliday.

Captain (Honorary Lieutenant in the Army)

Harold Wilson.

Captain George William Kilner Crosland.

Captain Harold Hanson.

Captain Gilbert Paul Norton.

Second Lieutenant James Edwin Eastwood.

Second Lieutenant Arthur Nevin Wheatley.

Quartermaster and Honorary Lieutenant
John Sanderson.

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1 / 5th Battalion Territorial Force

(The 1/5th Bn also absorbed the 2/5th and was renamed the 5th Bn)

14.04.1915 Mobilised for war and landed at Boulogne.

12.05.1915 The formation became the 147th Brigade of the 49th Division which engaged in various actions on the Western Front including;

1915 - The Battle of Aubers Ridge, The defence against the first Phosgene attack.

1916 - The Battle of Albert, The Battle of Bazentin Ridge, The Battle of Pozieres Ridge, The Battle of Flers-Courcelette.

1917 - Operations on the Flanders Coast (Hush), The Battle of Poelcapelle.

30.01.1918 Absorbed the 2/5th Battalion to become the 5th Battalion and transferred to the 186th Brigade of the 62nd Division.

1918 - The Battle of Bapaume, The First Battle of Arras 1918, The Battle of the Tardenois (part of the Battles of the Marne 1918), The Battle of the Scarpe, The Battle of the Drocourt-Queant Line, The Battle of Havrincourt, The Battle of the Canal du Nord, The Battle of the Selle, The capture of Solesmes, The Battle of the Sambre.

Arthur entered Thiepval Wood on the 2nd July 1916 and lost his life from wounds sustained during a German high explosive shell barrage on the 5th July 1916 (see more detail in Douglas Haig's despatch on the Somme below).

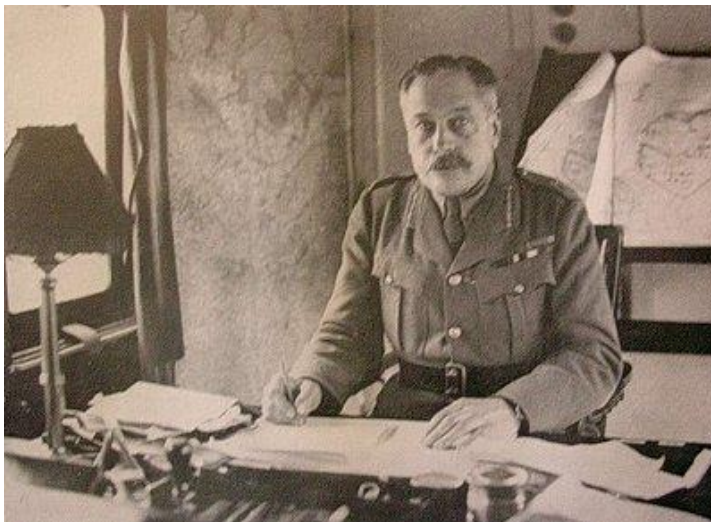
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Sir Douglas Haig's Somme Despatch

The second Despatch of Field Marshal Sir Douglas Haig, Commander in Chief of the British Armies in France and Flanders. Printed in the Supplement to the London Gazette of 29 December 1916. It covered the enormous and critical Battle of the Somme.



Haig at his desk in the railway carriage used as a mobile office.

General Headquarters,
23rd December, 1916.

My Lord,

I have the honour to submit the following report on the operations of the Forces under my Command since the 19th May, the date of my last Despatch.

10. During the succeeding days the attack was continued on these lines. In spite of strong counter-attacks on the Briqueterie and Montauban, by midday on the 2nd July our troops had captured Fricourt, and in the afternoon and evening stormed Fricourt Wood and the farm to the north. During the 3rd and 4th July Bernafay and Caterpillar Woods were also captured, and our troops pushed forward to the railway north of Mametz. On these days the reduction of La Boisselle was completed after hard fighting, while the outskirts of Contalmaison were reached on the 5th July. North of La Boisselle also the enemy's forces opposite us were kept constantly engaged, and our holding in the Leipzig Salient was gradually increased.

To sum up the results of the fighting of these five days, on a front of over six miles, from the Briqueterie to La Boisselle, our troops had swept over the whole of the enemy's first and strongest system of defence, which he had done his utmost to render impregnable. They had driven him back over a distance of more than a mile, and had carried four elaborately fortified villages. The number of prisoners passed back at the close of the 5th July had already reached the total of ninety-four officers and 5,724 other ranks.

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Arthur's Medal Card

Campaign :—				(A) Where decoration was earned.	
1914-15				(B) Present situation.	
Name	Corps	Rank	Reg. No.	Roll on which included (if any)	
(A) WHEATLEY, Arthur Nevin	5 th Bn.	Capt.		W.R.D.R.	ROLL PAGE
(B) A.N.		MAJ.		VICTORY +	OFF/126 15
Action taken				BRITISH	
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FRANCE.					
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Correspondence.

Address. Mrs A. N. Wheatley (Widow)
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Arthur's Medals



1914 - 1915 Star

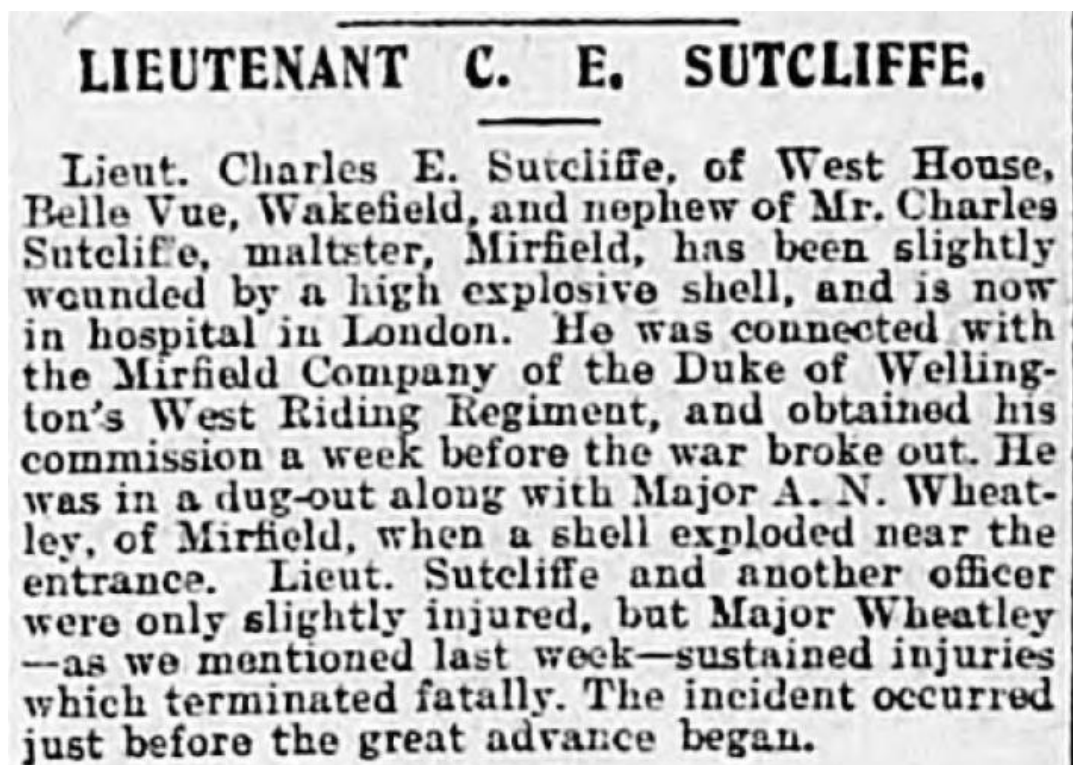


British War Medal



Victory Medal

Dewsbury Reporter 15th July 1916



(See **Appendix 1** which shows Arthur Nevin Wheatley and Charles E Sutcliffe in a group photograph).

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In Memory of
Major

Arthur Nevin Wheatley

Mentioned in Despatches

5th Bn., Duke of Wellington's (West Riding Regiment) who died on 05 July 1916 Age 28

Son of Joseph and Elizabeth Wheatley, of Mirfield; husband of Mabel Wheatley, of Woodlands, Mirfield, Yorks.

Remembered with Honour
Etaples Military Cemetery



Commemorated in perpetuity by
the Commonwealth War Graves Commission

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Arthur Nevin Wheatley

Arthur Nevin's grave in France



Etaples Military Cemetery

It was at Etaples Military Hospital where Arthur Nevin Wheatley died of his wounds.

Étaples Military Cemetery is in Étaples, near Boulogne on the north-west coast of France. The cemetery

holds over 11,500 dead from both World War I and World War II. Étaples was the scene of much Allied activity during World War I due to its safety from attack by enemy land forces and the existence of railway connections with both the northern and southern battlefields. The town was home to 16 hospitals and a convalescent depot, in addition to a number of reinforcement camps for Commonwealth soldiers and general barracks for the French Army. Of more than 11,500 soldiers interred in Étaples Military Cemetery, over 10,000 of these men were casualties of World War I who died in Étaples or the surrounding area.

The camp was also a training base, a depot for supplies, a detention centre for prisoners, and a centre for the treatment of the sick and wounded, with almost twenty general hospitals. At its peak, the camp housed over 100,000 people; altogether, its hospitals could treat 22,000 patients. With its vast conglomeration of the wounded, of prisoners, of soldiers training for battle, and of those simply waiting to return to the front, Étaples could appear a dark place.


Wilfred Owen [*Collected Letters*. Oxford University Press] described it as, *A vast, dreadful encampment. It seemed neither France nor England, but a kind of paddock where the beasts are kept a few days before the shambles ... Chiefly I thought of the very strange look on all the faces in that camp; an incomprehensible look, which a man will never see in England; nor can it be seen in any battle, but only in Étaples. It was not despair, or terror, it was more terrible than terror, for it was a blindfold look, and without expression, like a dead rabbit's.*



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Dewsbury Reporter Saturday 1st January 1916

Arthur Wheatley's letter to the soldiers relatives.



The late Pte. Arthur Gill, Ravensthorpe.
The late Lance-Corpl. H. R. Greenwood,
Ravensthorpe.

**LANCE-CORPORAL GREENWOOD,
OF RAVENSTHORPE, KILLED.**

Capt. A. N. Wheatley, 5th West Riding Regiment, on Christmas Eve, wrote Mr. and Mrs. Greenwood, Sackville Street, Ravensthorpe, informing them that their son, Lance-Corpl. Herbert Richardson Greenwood (No. 3,365), was killed on the afternoon of the 23rd December by a bullet. He was a most excellent soldier, and he (the captain) was very sorry to lose him. His loss was felt very much by both officers and men. They would have one consolation, that he died while doing his duty for his country. Death was instantaneous. Corpl. J. Clarkson, 13th Platoon, D Company, also wrote on December 24th: "It is with deepest regret that I write to tell you Bert got killed on Wednesday night about 11 p.m. He was shot in the head



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Dewsbury Reporter Saturday 1st January 1916 - Cont'd

comber 24th: "It is with deepest regret that I write to tell you Bert got killed on Wednesday night about 11 p.m. He was shot in the head with a bullet, and died instantly, suffering no pain. I had just left him with some men who had got a further supply of bombs, and he was in charge of the bombers. He had put the boxes of bombs in a dug-out, and must unconsciously have stood up with his head above the firing parapet. We are all sorry to lose him, as he was very well liked. I know it will come as a great blow to you, but it will give you a little consolation to know that he died a painless death, and he was doing his duty for his King and country. He was carried out of the trench, and has been buried by the side of his fellow-comrades, and a wooden cross will be put on the grave." Sergt. Dyson also wrote corroborating the above account, and added that he was a good lad and a good soldier; and they would miss him very much from their platoon.

The deceased soldier was 19 years of age last August. He attended St. Saviour's Boys' School as a scholar, and was also a regular attender at the United Methodist Sunday School. He is also on the roll of honour of the Warwick Road School, Batley Carr, having been a scholar there. He was before enlistment employed as an assistant tuner at Messrs. H. Hamer and Sons, Ravensthorpe. He was in the Volunteer Corps, and voluntarily joined the Duke of Wellington's Regiment for foreign service.



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Dewsbury Reporter Saturday 15th July 1916 - The newspapers were overwhelmed reporting the numbers of men killed and wounded on the Somme. Unfortunately Arthur Nevin Wheatley was one of those that lost his life in the battle.

THE FIGHTING ON THE SOMME,

HEAVY LOCAL CASUALTIES.

MANY HEAVY WOOLLEN DISTRICT MEN KILLED AND WOUNDED.

LOCAL BATTALIONS' SPLENDID RECORD.

The tremendous fighting in Picardy which the British attack on the German lines has brought about has been responsible for an exceptionally heavy list of casualties in this district. The local battalions—the West Yorkshires, West Riding Regiment, the K.O.Y.L.I.—have all been bitterly engaged in the most heroic fighting and have won for themselves undying fame in some of the sternest battles of the war. The list is so heavy that we have not been able to more than mention the names of many of the wounded. We have also heard rumours of the deaths of soldiers which we have been unable to confirm locally. The following is a list of killed and wounded from this district so far as we have been able to compile it:—

KILLED.

Major A. N. Wheatley, Duke of Wellington's
Regiment, Mirfield.
Lieut. Gerald Walker, K.O.Y.L.I., Mirfield.
The rest of the list is being compiled.

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Dewsbury Reporter Saturday 15th July 1916 - Arthur's death announced



Major A. N. Wheatley, Duke of Wellington's, Mirfield
(killed).

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Huddersfield Daily Examiner 06 July 1916

We regret to learn that a telegram was received today from the War Office stating on Tuesday Major Arthur Nevin Wheatley, of the DWR Huddersfield Territorial's, died from wounds received in action. An intimation that he had been dangerously wounded came to hand on Wednesday. Major Wheatley, who was about 30 years of age, was the second son of Mr Joseph Wheatley, of Woodlands, Mirfield, and a member of the firm of Messrs Henry Wheatley and Sons, woollen manufacturers, Hopton Mills, Mirfield. He had served some years in the Huddersfield Territorial's and, before the war, gained the rank of Captain and was the Officer Commanding the Mirfield Company. He went to France with the Battalion in April last year and, shortly afterwards, was promoted temporary Major. He had been Second in Command, was a very popular officer and was held in high respect by all ranks. Major Wheatley was mentioned in Sir Douglas Haig's last despatch, which was published in the London Gazette on June 15th. He leaves a widow and 1 daughter, who have the deepest sympathy of Major Wheatley's many friends in their great loss.

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Arthur Nevin Wheatley

War Diary - Army Form C2118

1/5 West Riding Regiment

Arthur Nevin Wheatley was injured on the 3rd and died on the 5th July 1916.

For the month of July 1916

1st July 1916

The battalion established itself in the Assembly Trenches Aveluy Wood (Ref. Map 57D.S.E) about 12.30am with the loss of only two casualties.

After an intensive bombardment from 6.30am to 7.30am the Xth Corps. In conjunction with the other troops (British and French) made an attack on a frontage of about 25 miles. The Xth Corps attacked the German positions from X.1^b10.9. on the right to Q17^b14 on the left. The 36th Division being on the left and 32nd Div'n on the right. The 49th Div'n was in Corps. Reserve. By 9am the news came through that enemy lines A, B & C had been captured and by 10am the Corps on our left had reached the heights N. of Grandcourt. The Battalion was ordered to move to the Dug Outs in the Southern Bluff, Authuille (W5d) at 11.0am. There was then no enemy barrage on the River Ancre and the bridges over the swamp were intact. The move was effected without casualties. At 2pm news came through that the 32nd Div'n had been held up at the Leipzig Salient (R31C) and at Thiepval Village (R25). From this time the news was not encouraging, the 32nd Div'n being driven back by hostile machine guns to its original position on its whole front. The 36th Div'n got as far as the German C Line without much difficulty but were forced to retire owing to lack of reinforcements and out flanking fire from right and left. The division maintained a small bit of German A & B Lines about R19C. The news was good from Corps on our right. Parts of 146th & 148th Brigades were lent as supports to the 32nd & 36th Divisions. Two Battalions of 146th Inf. Bde. endeavoured to take Thiepval but failed. This Battalion remained at Authuille Bluff for the night. Casualties 6 men wounded.

2nd July 1916

Artillery very active on Corps front. In the evening the Battalion moved to Thiepval Wood and took over part of the original British Line from 4th York & Lancaster Reg't. Headquarters were established at Gordon Castle. The line was so battered that the relief was a difficult matter but was accomplished. It was only possible to hold the front line with isolated posts with close supports behind. Casualties, 1 man wounded.

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War Diary - Army Form C2118 - continued

1/5 West Riding Regiment

3rd July 1916

Very early in the morning the battalion received orders to attack Thiepval Village the idea being to go through the German lines A & B between R25b33 and R19c93 and then swing round and attack the village from the flank leaving the 4th West Riding Reg't to consolidate a new British line. After making all preparations the attack was cancelled by the Corps.

The enemy shelled our positions unceasingly all day and our casualties were severe.

Casualties:- Officers wounded, **Major Wheatley**, Lieut. Jubb, Lieut. Sutcliffe, Lieut. Pinder, Lieut. Ainley, 2/Lieut S.E.Sykes. 7 O.R. (Ordinary Ranks) killed. 4 O.R. missing. 49 O.R. wounded. 4 Shell Shock.

4th July 1916

After a bombing raid by the enemy in the afternoon on our left both sides kept up an intense bombardment for some hours. The battalion "stood to" from 1.30pm to 3.30pm and moved up its supports, but they were not required.

In the evening the battalion relieved the 7th West Riding Reg't on our right embracing another 300 yards of frontage.

Casualties:- Officers wounded, Cap't Stewart, 2/Lt Thomas, 7 O.R. killed & 33 wounded.

5th July 1916

Early in the morning the 5th K.O.Y.L.I. made a bombing attack on the left with the object of capturing the line of up to and including St Pierre Division (Q24b) but failed, as did a second attempt later on.

Artillery was very active all day especially in the evening.

The battalion was relieved at night by the 4th West Riding Right and after relief moved to 'A' Group of Assembly Trenches in Akeley Wood (W.5.a.3.9). The trenches were very wet and uncomfortable.

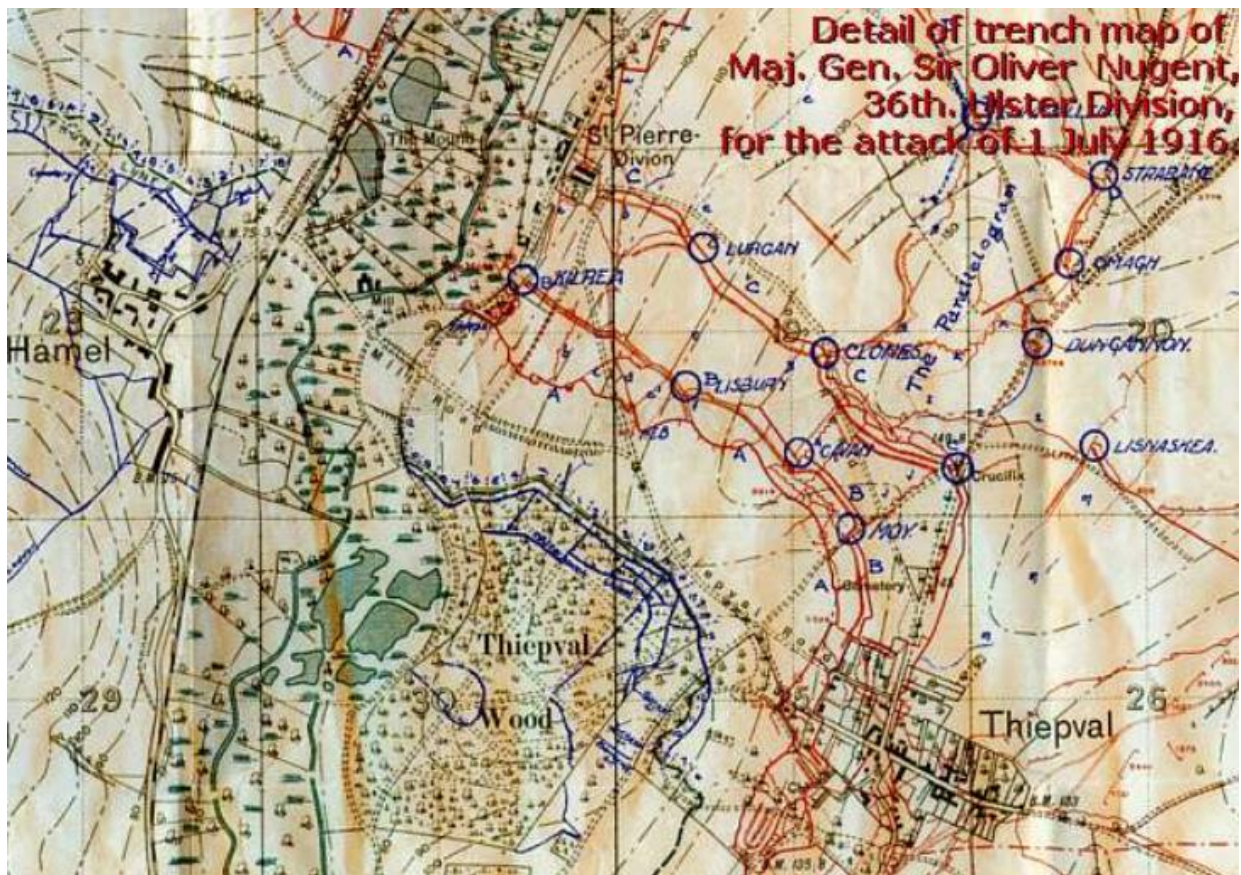
Casualties:- 1 officer Shell Shock (2/Lt West), 2 O.R. killed, 8 wounded, 1 missing believed killed.

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Map showing Thiepval Wood where A.N.Wheatley was injured.



Blue trenches - British Red trenches - German

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Part of the trench system in Thiepval Wood mentioned in the official war diaries.





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Upper Hopton Parish Magazine August 1916

Killed, Wounded, Missing. — The past month has been overshadowed by sorrow or anxiety for some of the homes in our midst. Our respectful sympathy goes out to Mrs. Arthur Wheatley and to

Mr. Joseph Wheatley, on the death from wounds of Major Arthur Nevin Wheatley. Before this is in your hands we shall have paid honour to his memory and commended him to the care and love of God at a Memorial Service, on Sunday, July 30th, at 3-30 p.m. I feel sure there are many who would wish for such an opportunity as this will afford to show their gratitude for what Major Wheatley was, and had done for their boys at the Front. As the Mother of one of them said to me, "there was not one of them but would have given his life for Major Wheatley," and as we know, "greater love hath no man than this."

We are glad to see Captain Willie Marriott and are all so sorry he has lost an eye in the cause. His cheeriness, however, illustrates the remarkable good spirits which prevail at the Front.

It is good to hear that Lionel Appleyard and Alfred Sykes, who were wounded, are doing well. You will be sorry to know that Second Lieutenant George Hebblethwaite, reported missing, has not been heard of. He had only recently been sent to join a new Battalion of his regiment.

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Appendix 1

The content of Appendix 1 has been taken from the book shown below.



(The author J.J.Fisher died in 1918 hence only 3 years of the war was covered in the book).

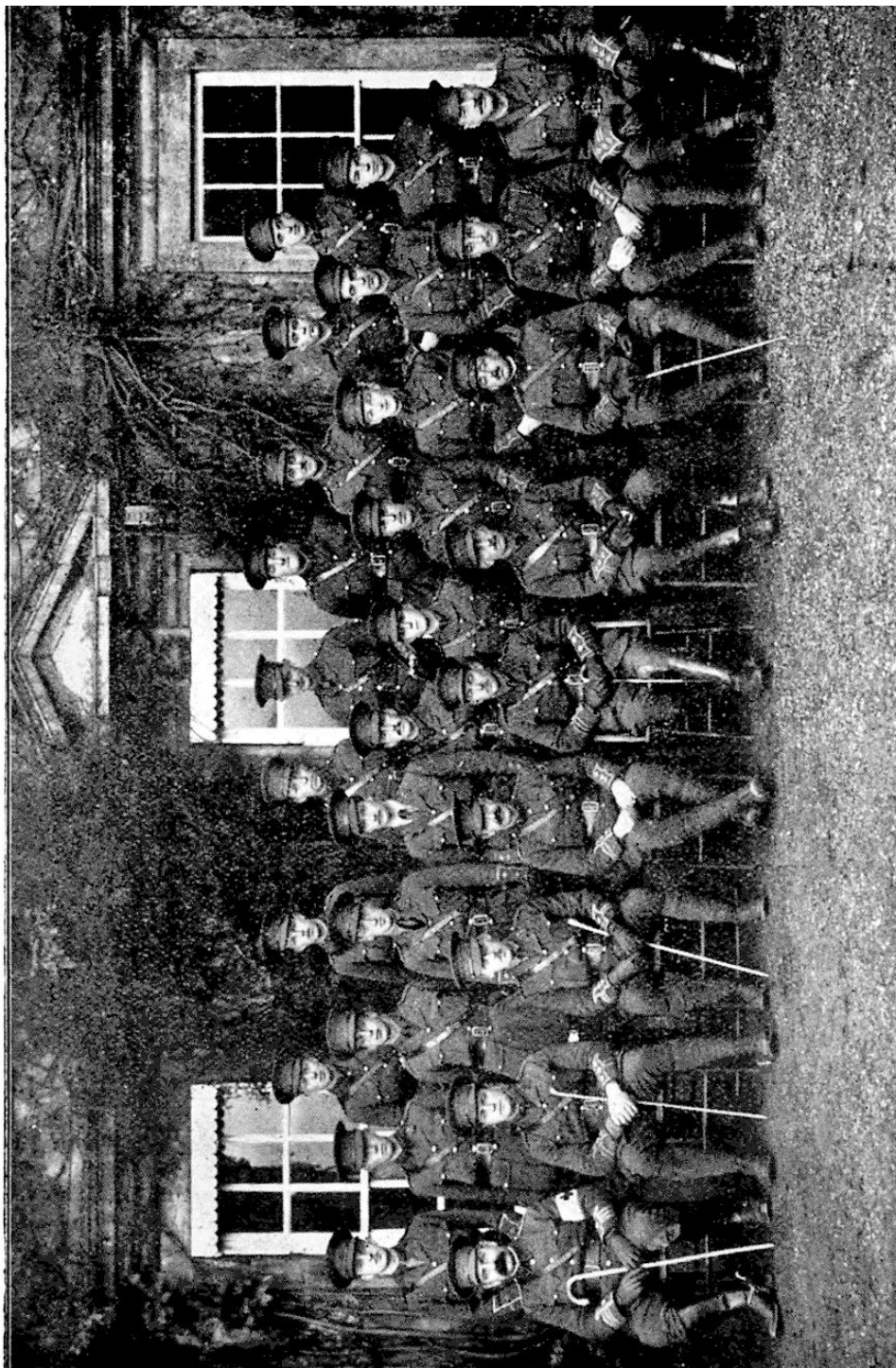
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Appendix 1 – cont'd

GROUP OF OFFICERS OF THE 1⁵TH DUKE OF WELLINGTON'S REGIMENT.



Top Row—Lt. Leslie Crowther (k.), Lt. T. T. Neabitt, Capt. S. O. Brierley, Capt. I. Stewart, Lt. H. C. Golling, Lt. F. Sykes,
2/Lt. I. L. Liddell, Lieut. D. P. Middlemost.

Middle Row—Lt. Taglis, Lt. John Haigh, Lt. C. E. Sutcliffe, Lt. G. R. Ellis, Lt. N. Senior, Capt. Stott, Lt. Keith Sykes,
Capt. R. Rippon, Lt. Sproulie, Lt. E. E. Ainley, Lt. G. L. Sharpe.

Bottom Row—Major Demetriadi, L.P.M.D., R.A.M.C., Capt. A. N. Wheatley (k), Major G. P. Norton, Major G. W. K.
Crosland, Lt.-Col. H. Wilson, Capt. Rendall (k), Capt. J. E. Eastwood, Capt. Senior, Capt. Black.

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Appendix 1 – cont'd

1916.
Mar. 31—Edwin Arnold Sladdin, 23 Gladstone Road, Halifax—27.

HUDDERSFIELD'S SACRIFICE.

MEN WHO FELL DURING THE YEAR 1916.

484 WHO HAVE GIVEN THEIR LIVES.

Below are names of men serving with the colours from Huddersfield, the Colne Valley, Holmfirth, and surrounding districts, whose deaths have been reported during the year 1916. The following is a summary of the losses in particular regiments :—

Officers	...	...	...	...	...	...	29
Duke of Wellington's Regiment	...	...	...	...	...	...	198
King's Royal Rifle Corps	...	...	...	...	...	...	31
King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry	...	...	...	...	...	...	21
West Yorkshire Regiment	...	...	...	...	...	...	21
Northumberland Fusiliers	...	...	...	...	...	...	16
Royal Field Artillery	...	...	...	...	...	...	15
Colonial Regiments	...	...	...	...	...	...	16
Other Regiments	...	...	...	...	...	...	122
Navy	...	...	...	...	...	...	15
Total	...	...	...	...	...	...	484

Together with the 354 names recorded up to the end of 1915, this makes a total, since the outbreak of the war, of 838 up to December 30th, 1916.

The names of the men in the Duke of Wellington's Regiment are :—

OFFICERS.

July 1—Major A. N. Wheatley, Woodlands, Mirfield. Died of wounds—30.
 „ 4—Sec.-Lieut. W. Preston, Hill Crest, Halifax Old Road. Died of wounds—25.
 „ 8—Lieut. G. W. Quamby Walker, Croft House, Slaithwaite—20.
 Aug. 15—Sec.-Lieut. A. A. Nuttall, Carrs Road, Slaithwaite. Fatally wounded—20.
 Sep. 3—Sec.-Lieut. C. B. Newman, West Leigh, Marsden—20.

Captain Harold Ernest Whitwam (27) (West Riding Regiment), elder son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Whitwam, Clifton House, Golcar, has been killed in action October, 1917. He served in the Colne Valley Territorials for five or six years before the war, joining the ranks. He was lieutenant when he went to France, and after six months' service was invalided home suffering from poison. He acted as instructor in musketry at Strensall for more than twelve months, going out to France only a month ago. He was a member of the firm of Messrs. B. and J. Whitwam & Sons Ltd., Stanley Mills, and was an active worker at St. John's Church Sunday School, where he was both teacher and organist.

HOW LIEUT. LESLIE CROWTHER, D COY., 5TH BATTALION DUKES, DIED.

Pte. F. A. Smith, killed in action October 16th, 1915, writing to his parents (who live at 22 Stoney Cross Street, Taylor Hill, Lockwood) 19th June, 1915, tells how Lieut. Leslie Crowther of his platoon met his death. "Lieut. Crowther," he says, "was especially popular with his men. On Tuesday, 15th June, he was out on patrol, accompanied by Captain Stott, Lieut. Liddal and Corpl. Convoy, when they ran straight into a German patrol of six men and a bomb-thrower. One of them instantly hurled a highly explosive detonator, which killed Lieut. Crowther instantly. Lieut. Liddal, who was nearest to Lieut. Crowther, immediately emptied his revolver on the Germans, who took to their heels, making for their trenches. The remainder of the patrol, acting with great gallantry, returned for assistance, taking back stretcher-bearers, and carried back the dead lieutenant under heavy rifle fire. Lieut. Crowther was buried opposite the battalion headquarters, the service being conducted by the Colonel."

DUKE OF WELLINGTON'S REGIMENT.

1915.
 April 18—Pte. George Moorhouse, 5 Waterside, Lockwood. Killed on Hill 60. Formerly reported as missing.
 May 5—Pte. Norman Fox, Lowerhouses, Aldmondbury. Formerly reported as missing.
 Aug. 3—Pte. Edward Jenkins, Netheroyd Hill. Died of wounds—24.
 „ 7—Pte. W. Haywood, Burnlee, Holmfirth. Formerly reported missing in Gallipoli.
 Dec. —Pte. W. Beckett (3450). Died of wounds.
 „ —Lance-Corpl. Harold Connor, 33 Clegg Street, Springhead—17
 „ —Pte. Huxley, Saddleworth.

World War 1 - Upper Hopton Village



Arthur Nevin Wheatley

The above group photograph in Appendix 1 shows Arthur Nevin Wheatley second from the left on the front row. Lieut. Colonel Harold Wilson who was also from Upper Hopton is fifth from the left on the front row.

Lt. Col. H. Wilson lived in Hopton Brow before Arthur Nevin Wheatley and later moved just up the road to Hopton Court .



Hopton Brow



Hopton Court

Hopton Court was built in the early 20th century and enlarged by Lt Col H. Wilson in 1922. In 1936, it was purchased by one of the Kilner family, who owned the mill at the top of Newgate. During the second World War, it was used by the Red Cross as an ATS convalescent home and visited by the Princess Royal and the wartime Minister of Labour, Ernest Brown. (In 1969 Hopton Court was demolished and rebuilt on land to the rear).

Lt. Col. Wilson was in command of the 1/5th Battalion Duke of Wellington's Regiment since the duty of raising the 2/5th Battalion was imposed upon Lt. Col. W Cooper, V.D.

Col. Wilson served with the Huddersfield contingent of the West Riding Regiment during the South African War and along with Col. Charles Brook, of Kinmount, Allan, N.B., and Durker Roods, Meltham, was admitted to the honorary freedom of the borough of Huddersfield on May 23rd 1901. Is a member of the firm Messrs. Wilson and Ingham, card clothing manufacturers, Mirfield

Lt. Col. Wilson died in 1930 whilst living at Hopton Court and was buried in St John's churchyard Upper Hopton.